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To Whom It May Concern;

I believe that people who are convicted of non-violent offenses do not need lengthy incarceration if other means of rehabilitation and restitution are available. I do NOT support endangering the public by allowing violent offenders to gain early release simply by following the rules while incarcerated.

They are expected to follow the rules - that is the nature of prison. They were found guilty of committing a crime and sentenced according to the statute and the expertise of the judge who passed the sentence. To tamper with this practice merely out of a sense of expediency or to clear some beds is absurd.

Any person who commits a crime of violence - including to an unborn person - must serve the full term of their sentence. To do otherwise is a travesty of justice and places an unnecessary threat to public safety back on the streets.

If space and money is an issue, than perhaps you need to explore the successes that Portugal has had with non-violent drug crimes.

I believe this is nothing more than a desperate attempt to squeeze a few dollars in savings out of the state budget - money that will be spent several times over when many of these villains offend again. Time to be responsible for a change.

Punish the guilty. Keep the public safe.